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# Public Notice

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Date: August 24, 2007

Comments Due: September 10, 2007

In reply, please refer to the Public Notice Number

**SUBJECT:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, (Corps) is evaluating a permit application to construct the Rocklin 60 project, which would result in impacts to approximately 4.62 acres of waters of the United States, including wetlands, in or adjacent to the Secret Ravine. This notice is to inform interested parties of the proposed activity and to solicit comments. This notice may also be viewed at the Corps web site at <http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/regulatory.html>.

**AUTHORITY:** This application is being evaluated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for the discharge of dredged or fill material in waters of the United States.

**APPLICANT:** Chris Vrame  
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**LOCATION:** The project site is located in Rocklin in Section 16, Township 11 North, Range 7 East, Placer County, California, and can be seen on the Rocklin USGS Topographic Quadrangle.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The applicant is proposing to construct a housing development. Based on the available information, the overall project purpose is to build an approximately 57 acre housing development in the City of Rocklin. The applicant believes there is a need for new housing in the Rocklin area.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**Environmental Setting.** There are approximately 5.092 acres of waters of the U.S. consisting of 0.05 acres of seasonal wetlands, 0.608 acres of wetland swales, 1.51 acres of riparian wetlands, 2.43 acres of pond, 0.46 acres of Secret Ravine, and 0.04 acres of intermittent drainage within the project area. The site consists primarily of oak woodland and riparian habitats. Surrounding land use is primarily rural residential with the exception of Interstate 80, located to the northwest of the site.

**Alternatives.** The applicant has provided information concerning project alternatives. The applicant has provided information on six offsite alternatives and two onsite alternatives other than the preferred project alternative. Descriptions and drawings of the alternatives are attached. Additional information concerning project alternatives may be available from the applicant or their agent. Other alternatives may develop during the review process for this

permit application. All reasonable project alternatives, in particular those which may be less damaging to the aquatic environment, will be considered.

**Mitigation.** The Corps requires that applicants consider and use all reasonable and practical measures to avoid and minimize impacts to aquatic resources. If the applicant is unable to avoid or minimize all impacts, the Corps may require compensatory mitigation. The applicant has proposed to mitigate for impacts to wetlands and other waters of the United States.

**OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORIZATIONS:** Water quality certification or a waiver, as required under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act from the Central California Water Resources Control Board is required for this project. The applicant has indicated they have applied for certification.

**HISTORIC PROPERTIES:** Based on the available information (including applicant's report entitled "Cultural Resources Assessment, Rocklin 60"), potentially eligible cultural resources are within the area of potential effect of the proposed project. These resources include complex of four prehistoric bedrock mortar sites. The Corps will initiate consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as appropriate.

**ENDANGERED SPECIES:** The proposed activity may affect Federally-listed endangered or threatened species, including the valley elderberry longhorn beetle (*Desmocerus californicus dimorphus*), vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*), and vernal pool fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta lynchi*) or their critical habitat. The Corps will initiate consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as appropriate.

The above determinations are based on information provided by the applicant and our preliminary review.

**EVALUATION FACTORS:** The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the described activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the described activity, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the described activity will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. The activity's impact on the public interest will include application of the Section 404(b)(1) guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency (40 CFR Part 230).

The Corps is soliciting comments from the public, Federal, State, and local agencies and officials, Indian tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact

Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

**SUBMITTING COMMENTS:** Written comments, referencing Public Notice 200300250, must be submitted to the office listed below on or before September 10, 2007:

Brian E. Vierria, Regulatory Project Manager  
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The Corps is particularly interested in receiving comments related to the proposal's probable impacts on the affected aquatic environment and the secondary and cumulative effects. Anyone may request, in writing, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests shall specifically state, with particularity, the reason(s) for holding a public hearing. If the Corps determines that the information received in response to this notice is inadequate for thorough evaluation, a public hearing may be warranted. If a public hearing is warranted, interested parties will be notified of the time, date, and location. Please note that all comment letters received are subject to release to the public through the Freedom of Information Act. If you have questions or need additional information please contact the applicant or the Corps' project manager Mr. Brian Vierria, 916-557-7728, [brian.e.vierria@usace.army.mil](mailto:brian.e.vierria@usace.army.mil).

Attachments:

1. Vicinity map
2. Proposed impact/avoidance map (preferred alternative)
3. Alternatives drawings